

ARCTIC ANIMALS

TRADING CARDS



1. PRINT

Load paper into printer and print all the pages single-sided.



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Fold along the solid center line to create two sided card.



3. GLUE

Adhere the back of cards with a glue stick or double sided tape.



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NARWHAL

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	1,800-3,500 POUNDS
LENGTH	17 FEET
LIFE SPAN	50 YEARS

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The tusk found on many narwhals is actually a big tooth with up to 10 million nerve endings!

FUN FACT

- Are able to dive up to a mile and a half deep.
- Spend their lives in the Arctic waters and do not migrate like other whale species.
- Mainly feed on fish, shrimp, and squid.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NARWHALS...

NARWHAL
MONODON MONOCEROS



ATLANTIC PUFFIN

CLASS	AVES
WEIGHT	1 POUND
LENGTH	10 INCHES
LIFE SPAN	20 YEARS

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A puffin's beak changes colors throughout the year. The bright orange beak is only seen in the springtime.

FUN FACT

- Can fly as fast as 55 miles per hour.
- Nests are generally built along rocky cliffs and lined with grasses and feathers.
- Are one of few bird species able to hold many fish in their bills at a time.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ATLANTIC PUFFINS...

ATLANTIC PUFFIN
FRATERCULA ARCTICA



POLAR BEAR

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	300-1,300 POUNDS
LENGTH	6-9 FEET
LIFE SPAN	30 YEARS

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Polar bear skin is black! The black skin helps to soak in the sun's rays and keep the bears warm.

FUN FACT

- Are the largest bears in the world.
- Do not hibernate in the winter, unlike other bears!
- Have a thick layer of body fat and a water-repellent fur coat to protect them cold and keep them dry.

DID YOU KNOW THAT POLAR BEARS...

POLAR BEAR
URRUSUS MARITIMUS

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ARCTIC FOX

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	3-20 POUNDS
LENGTH	25 INCHES
LIFE SPAN	4 YEARS



ARCTIC CHAR

CLASS	ACTINOPTERYGII
WEIGHT	5-9 POUNDS
LENGTH	16-24 FEET
LIFE SPAN	20 YEARS



BEARDED SEAL

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	575-800 POUNDS
LENGTH	8 FEET
LIFE SPAN	25 YEARS

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Some Arctic fox's fur changes each season to help with camouflage. Their fur is white in the winter and brown/gray in the summer.

FUN FACT

- Are the northernmost freshwater fish species in the world.
- Are dark-colored with silver sides and white bellies, but parts turn bright red or orange during the spring mating season.
- Females lay eggs every 2-3 years.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ARCTIC CHARS...

ARCTIC FOX
VULPES LAGOPUS

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FUN FACT

- Have thick fur that keeps their body temperature around 104 degrees in the winter.
- Mainly feed on small rodents, birds, and insects, but will eat pretty much anything.
- Have small ears which help them stay warm by reducing heat loss in the cold Arctic.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ARCTIC FOXES...

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ARCTIC CHARS...

ARCTIC CHAR
SALVELINUS ALPINUS

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FUN FACT

- Sleep vertically in the ocean, keeping their heads just above the surface of the water.
- Are named for their long, white whiskers resembling a beard.

DID YOU KNOW THAT BEARDED SEALS...

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Alaska uses these seals for food and oil, and their skins for boots and boats.

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BEARDED SEAL
ERIGNATHUS BARBATUS

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SNOWY OWL

CLASS	Aves
WEIGHT	56-104 OUNCES
LENGTH	20-28 INCHES
LIFE SPAN	10 YEARS



ARCTIC COPEPOD

CLASS	HEXANAUPLIA
WEIGHT	EXTREMELY LIGHT! LIKE A GRAIN OF RICE.
LENGTH	2.5-6 MILLIMETERS (BODY)
LIFE SPAN	6 MONTHS-1 YEAR



ICELANDIC HORSE

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	730-840 POUNDS
LENGTH	5 FEET
LIFE SPAN	40 YEARS

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Their feet are covered with feathers! This helps provide insulation in the cold Arctic climate.

FUN FACT

- Are one of the heaviest owl species in North America.
- Are excellent hunters and will eat a variety of food like lemmings, Arctic hares, mice, ducks and seabirds...which they swallow whole!

DID YOU KNOW THAT SNOWY OWLS...

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SNOWY OWL
BUBO SCANDIACUS

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Can eat over 370,000 phytoplankton in one day!

FUN FACT

- Are one of the most common invertebrates (don't have a spine) in the Arctic.
- Play an important part in the food web.
- Are one of over 150 copepod species in the Arctic.

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ARCTIC COPEPOD
CALANUS HYPERBOREUS (MOST ABUNDANT)

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In Iceland, there is a horse naming committee to make sure that the horse names reflect and respect Icelandic culture.

FUN FACT

- Have a double-layered coat to keep them warm.
- Don't have any natural predators, so are approachable and friendly.
- First arrived in Iceland over 1,000 years ago!

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EQUUS FERUS CABALLUS

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MUSK OX

CLASS	MAMMALIA
WEIGHT	500-800 POUNDS
LENGTH	5 FEET
LIFE SPAN	20 YEARS

FOLD



ARCTIC MOSQUITO

CLASS	INSECTA
WEIGHT	0.002 G
LENGTH	0.5-1 INCH
LIFE SPAN	7 MONTHS

FOLD



GREENLAND SHARK

CLASS	CHONDRICHTHYES
WEIGHT	2,200 POUNDS
LENGTH	24 FEET
LIFE SPAN	250-500 YEARS

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MUSK OX
OVIBOS MOSCHATUS

DID YOU KNOW THAT MUSK OXEN...

- Travel in groups called a 'herd'.
- Look like buffalo, but they are closely related to sheep.
- Are vegetarians, eating mostly roots, mosses, lichens, flowers, and grasses.

FUN FACT

The musk ox can run at speeds up to 35 miles per hour.

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ARCTIC MOSQUITO
Aedes nigripes

DID YOU KNOW THAT ARCTIC MOSQUITOS...

- Are eaten by many other animals living in the region.
- Travel around in giant swarms.
- Eggs can still hatch, even if water is near freezing.

FUN FACT

Male mosquitoes eat nectar and blood of warm-blooded animals like birds, caribou, and polar bears.

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GREENLAND SHARK
Somniosus microcephalus

DID YOU KNOW THAT GREENLAND SHARKS...

- Are one of the largest shark species.
- Are extremely slow swimmers, but are capable of short bursts of speed.
- Were first caught on video in the ocean in 2013.

FUN FACT

Greenland shark meat is toxic to people!

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